

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A utility light comprising:

a hollow light housing having an upper light portion with a lens opening formed therein, said upper light portion having a downwardly facing upper groove formed therein at an upper end thereof and an upwardly facing lower groove formed therein at a lower periphery of said lens opening; and

a lens assembly sized to close said lens opening and having a arm with an upwardly extending tongue formed thereon engaging said upper groove, said lens assembly having a downwardly extending tongue formed at a lower end thereof engaging said lower groove whereby said lens assembly is releasably retained in said lens opening and said arm being deflected downwardly upon an application of force in a downward direction to release said upwardly facing tongue from said upper groove permitting said lens assembly to be removed from said lens opening.

2. The utility light according to claim 1 wherein said lens assembly has flanges formed at side edges thereof and said light portion has flanges formed at sides of said lens opening, said lens assembly flanges and said light portion flanges cooperating to seal mating surface of said lens assembly and said light portion.

3. The utility light according to claim 2 including a plurality of tabs extending from said side edges of said lens assembly and a corresponding plurality of cutouts formed in said light portion flanges, each of said tabs being received in an associated one of said cutouts.

4. The utility light according to claim 1 wherein said light housing has a lower handle portion attached to said upper light portion and including a pair of hooks each attached to said light housing by an associated ball and socket connection, one of said hooks being positioned adjacent an upper end of said light portion and another of said hooks being positioned adjacent a lower end of said handle portion.

5. The utility light according to claim 1 including a pair of lamp assemblies mounted in said light portion and a separate switch connected between each of said lamp assemblies and a source of electrical power for selectively and independently turning "on" and "off" said lamp assemblies.

6. A utility light comprising:

a hollow light housing having an upper light portion with a lens opening formed therein, said upper light portion having a downwardly facing upper groove formed therein at an upper end thereof and an upwardly facing lower groove formed therein at a lower periphery of said lens opening;

a pair of lamp assemblies mounted in said light portion and being connected to switch means for turning "on" and "off" each of said lamp assemblies; and

a lens assembly sized to close said lens opening and having a arm with an upwardly extending tongue formed thereon engaging said upper groove, said lens assembly having a downwardly extending tongue formed at a lower end thereof engaging said lower groove whereby said lens assembly is releasably retained in said lens opening and said arm being deflected downwardly upon an application of force in a downward direction to release said upwardly facing tongue from said upper groove permitting said lens assembly to be removed from said lens opening.

7. The utility light according to claim 6 including a reflector mounted in said light portion between said lamp assemblies and said lens opening.

8. The utility light according to claim 6 including a housing cushion mounted on an upper end of said light portion and said lens assembly.

9. The utility light according to claim 6 wherein each said lamp assembly has two fluorescent bulbs and including a lamp cushion mounted on an upper end of each of said bulbs.

10. The utility light according to claim 6 wherein said light housing is formed in two halves each having at least one of an aperture and a post for receiving fastener means for retaining the light housing halves together.

11. The utility light according to claim 6 wherein said switch means is a double switch for independently turning "on" and "off" each of said lamp assemblies.

12. The utility light according to claim 6 wherein said light housing has a handle portion attached to said light portion and including a handle cushion received in an aperture in said handle portion of said light housing.

13. The utility light according to claim 1 wherein said light housing has a lower handle portion attached to said upper light portion and including a pair of hooks each attached to said light housing by an associated ball and socket connection, one of said hooks being positioned adjacent an upper end of said light portion and another of said hooks being positioned adjacent a lower end of said handle portion.

14. A utility light comprising:

a hollow light housing having an upper light portion with a lens opening formed therein, said upper light portion having a downwardly facing upper groove formed therein at an upper end thereof and an upwardly facing lower groove formed therein at a lower periphery of said lens opening;

a pair of lamp assemblies mounted in said light portion and being connected to switch means for turning "on" and "off" each of said lamp assemblies;

a reflector mounted in said light portion between said lamp assemblies and said lens opening;

a lower handle portion attached to said upper light portion and including a pair of hooks each attached to said light housing by an associated ball and socket connection, one of said hooks being positioned adjacent an upper end of said

light portion and another of said hooks being positioned adjacent a lower end of said handle portion; and

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a lens assembly sized to close said lens opening and having a arm with an upwardly extending tongue formed thereon engaging said upper groove, said lens assembly having a downwardly extending tongue formed at a lower end thereof engaging said lower groove whereby said lens assembly is releasably retained in said lens opening and said arm being deflected downwardly upon an application of force in a downward direction to release said upwardly facing tongue from said upper groove permitting said lens assembly to be removed from said lens opening.

15. The utility light according to claim 14 including a housing cushion mounted on an upper end of said light portion and said lens assembly.

16. The utility light according to claim 14 wherein each said lamp assembly has two fluorescent bulbs and including a lamp cushion mounted on an upper end of each of said bulbs.

17. The utility light according to claim 14 wherein said light housing is formed in two halves each having at least one of an aperture and a post for receiving fastener means for retaining the light housing halves together.

18. The utility light according to claim 14 wherein said switch means is a double switch for independently turning "on" and "off" each of said lamp assemblies.

19. The utility light according to claim 14 including a handle cushion received in an aperture in said handle portion of said light housing.